

Stabilization Grant – Quarterly Update

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Overview

This job aid will provide the steps to view, add, update, and submit records for the **North Carolina Early Childhood Stabilization Grant Relief Funding**. Ongoing quarterly updates are required to stay in compliance with the terms of the program. The updates should be completed by each deadline posted on the Provider Portal.

Key items:

• Status bar is used to track the progression and completion of applications and updates.



• The Save and Continue button is used to save entered data and advance to the next section.



- Hyperlink appears light blue and will provide additional information or navigation.
- Asterisk * used to denote required information.
- Radio button —used to select from a list of items.
- The Upload Files button is used to upload files.



 The Error pop-up message is used to warn about missing information or data entry error.



• The Success pop-up message is used to affirm that a document is uploaded or the update was completed.



The Previous button is used to return to a previous section.



The Next Button is used to advance to the next section.





• The Submit button is used to submit the application after all entries are completed.



Step by Step Instructions

Log In/Logging Out

1. Starting on the NC FAST Program Portal Welcome Page, click the **Current Program: Stabilization Grants Click here to Login** hyperlink, located under Provider Portal.



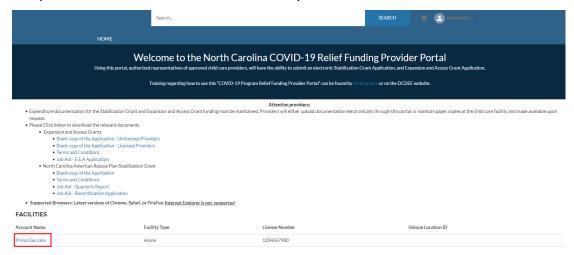
2. The NCID page displays, Enter your *Username* and *Password* then click **NCID Login** to log in.



Note: For assistance creating and linking your NCID, please refer to the *Provider Job Aid: Creating and Linking Your NCID*.

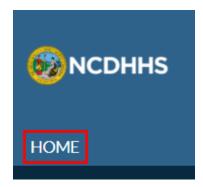


3. The COVID-19 Relief Funding Welcome page displays. A list of all the facilities that the applicant is linked to is shown. Account Name, Facility Type, License Number, Unique Location ID are listed for each facility.



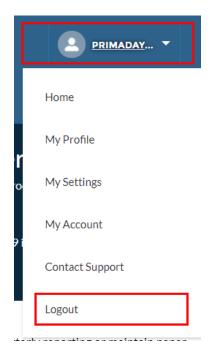
Notes:

- Review the list of facilities (if more than one is listed) and Account information displayed for each facility prior to beginning the updates.
- If the facility is not listed correctly, or displays any errors, contact the DCDEE Customer Service Unit at 1-800-859-0829, select Option 2, (919) 814-6300, select option 2, or DCDEE support@dhhs.nc.gov
- 4. To return to the Welcome page from any section of the Quarterly Update, click the **Home** button located in the upper right corner.



5. To exit, click the **NCID Username** drop-down (located in the top right corner) then select **Logout**.





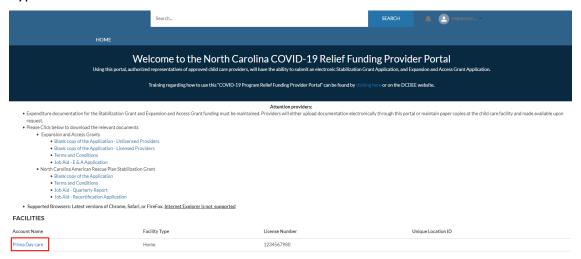
Note: Close the application completely and logout when there is a need to gather other information. Login to restart the process. The initial application saves any information gathered in the previous session if you advanced to the next screen. If you encounter an error message, please <u>click here.</u>

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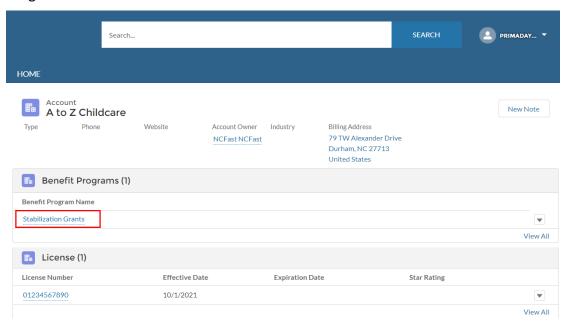


Navigating to Stabilization Grant home page

1. Starting on the Welcome page, select a facility by clicking the **account name** hyperlink under **FACILITIES.**

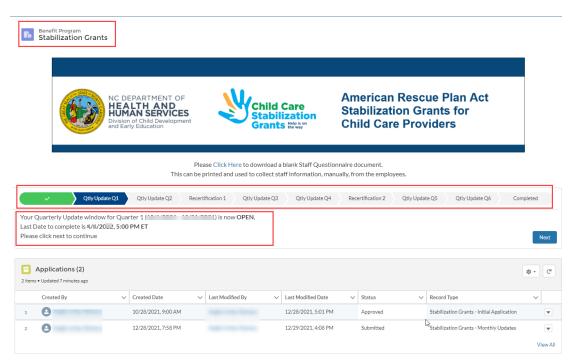


2. The Home page displays. Click the **Stabilization Grants** hyperlink under the Benefit Program Name.



3. The Benefits Program Stabilization Grants page displays.





Notes:

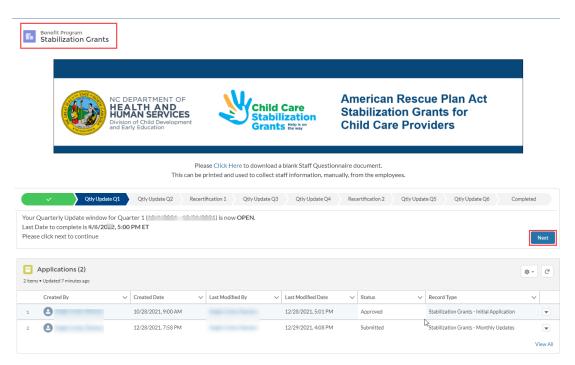
- A Progress Bar will display to show which task that have been completed.
- All quarterly updates shall be completed by deadline posted on the Stabilization Grants home page.

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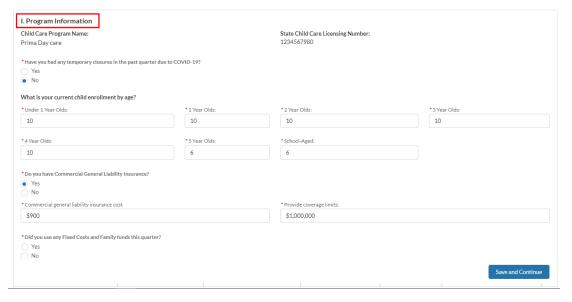
Initiating Quarterly Update

1. Starting on the Benefits Program Stabilization Grants page, click Next.





2. Section I. Program Information page displays.

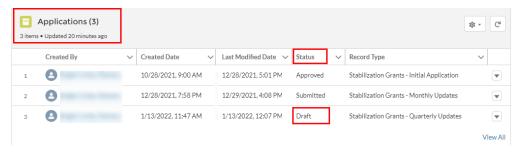


Notes:

- This initiates the Updating process.
- Prepopulated information is gathered from the approved Stabilization Grants application, subsequent monthly updates, the Regulatory System and NC FAST.



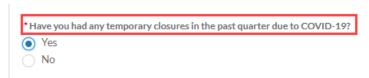
- Some questions only require a review to ensure that the information displayed is valid.
- Questions with asterisk (*) denote required information must be entered to advance to the next section.
- A Draft status displays under the status column located in the Applications section once the quarterly update for the Stabilization Grant application is initiated.



3. Review the pre-populated information under Child Care Program Name and State Child Care Licensing Number.



4. Select the applicable radio button for "Have you had any temporary closures in the past quarter due to COVID-19?".

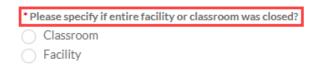


- a. When **Yes** is selected, "Please provide dates of closure:" displays.
 - i. Enter applicable date(s).



- b. When Yes is selected, "Please specify if the entire facility or classroom was closed?" displays.
 - Select the applicable radio button.



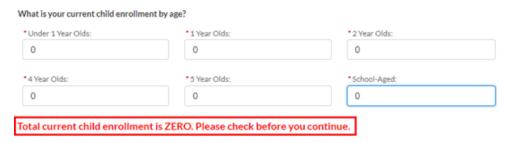


5. Review and update "What is your current child enrollment age?"



Notes:

- Prepopulated child enrollment is gathered from the approved Stabilization Grants application, previous monthly updates.
- A message will display when the total current enrollment is 0.



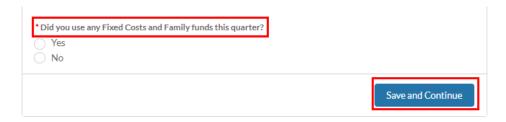
6. Review and update if needed," Do you have Commercial General Liability Insurance?"



Note: If **Yes** was selected in the Initial Application or Monthly Updates, this information may be pre-populated.

7. Review and answer, "Did you use any Fixed Costs and Family funds this quarter?". Click **Save and Continue**.



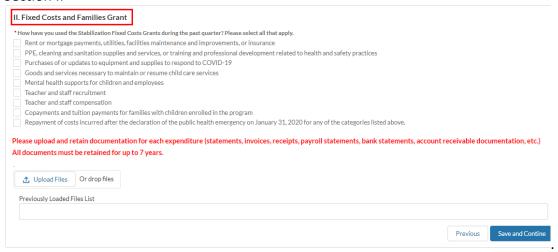


Note: If "No" is selected, skip to Compensation Supports section by clicking here.

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Fixed Cost and Family Grants

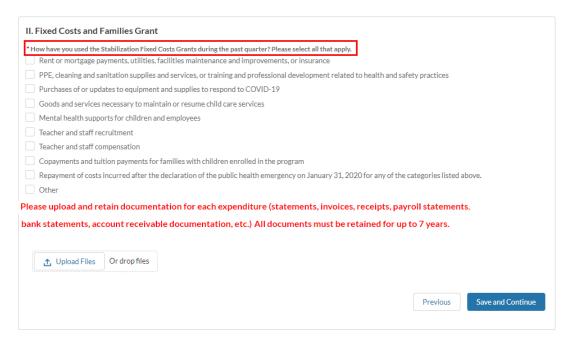
1. Section II



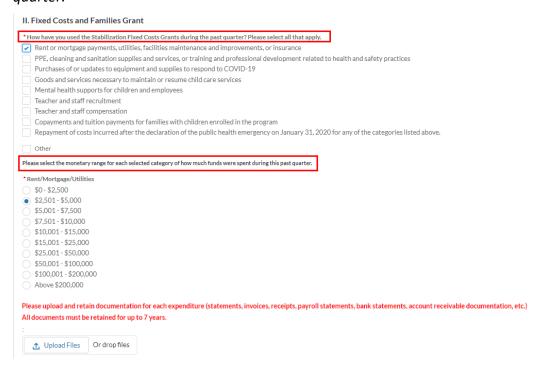
Fixed Cost and Families Grant section displays.

2. Review and update the information for, "How have you used the Stabilization Fixed Cost Grant during this past quarter? Please select all that apply."





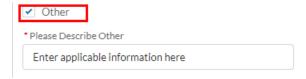
- a. Each checkbox selected will yield another question based on category.
- b. Select the applicable radio button for the question, "Please select the monetary range for each selected category of how much funds were spent during this past quarter."





Note: Based on the category each fixed cost is based on, use the <u>DCDEE Fixed</u> <u>Cost</u> table for guidance.

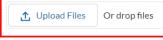
3. When Other is selected, the "Please describe Other" entry field displays.



4. Click the **Upload Files** button, to upload documentation for each expenditure claimed.

Please upload and retain documentation for each expenditure (statements, invoices, receipts, payroll statements, bank statements, account receivable documentation, etc.)

All documents must be retained for up to 7 years.



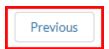
Notes:

- For step-by-step instruction to upload a document click here.
- At least one document must be uploaded to advance to the next section.
- PDF files are preferred.
- A maximum of 5MB or 5000KB can be uploaded.
- Document can only be uploaded to the Quarterly Update before you submit Update.
- Previous documentation from past updates is acceptable if there has not been any change in circumstances for the facility.
- Please review your documentation carefully and make sure you have uploaded accurate information because once submitted you will be unable to changes or add additional documents.
- When Submit button is selected you will be unable to make any changes or add documents to the Quarterly Updates.
- 5. After all required documents are uploaded, in the lower right corner, click **Save and Continue**.





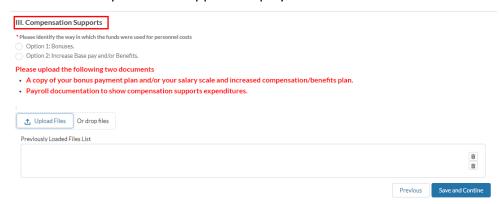
Note: The **Previous** button is present and allows access to the previous section.



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Compensation Supports

1. Section III. Compensation Supports displays.



2. Select the **applicable** radio button for the question "Please identify the way in which the funds were used for personnel costs".



3. When Option 1: Bonuses is selected, skip to step 6 to upload documents.



4. When Option2: Increase Base pay and/or Benefits is selected, other entry fields display.

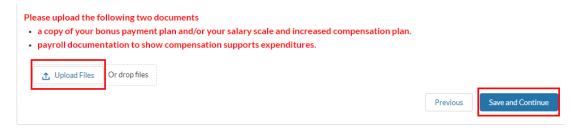


5. Enter a numeric value for each entry field.

* If your child care program received additional designated grant funds for compensation and benefit	s, please identify the way in which the funds were used for personnel costs
Option 1: Bonuses.	
Option 2: Increase Base pay and/or Benefits.	
* Please enter Increased Base Pay Percentage	Please enter Benefits Percentage

Notes:

- Enter a value between 0 to 100.
- Values should add up to 100 percent of designated grant funds to increase Base Pay/Benefits used for personnel.
- (i.e., If you received \$1000 for increased base pay/benefits and paid \$500 toward salaries and \$500 towards benefits, then the percentages would be 50{Base pay} and 50{Benefits}).
- 6. Upload the required documents supporting the payroll compensation and/or bonuses. Click **Save and Continue**.



Notes:

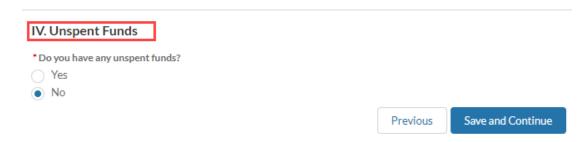
- Directions to upload documents <u>click here.</u>
- At least two documents are required to be uploaded to advance to the next section.
- Previous documentation from past updates is acceptable if there has not been any change in circumstances for the facility.

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Unspent Funds

1. Section IV. Unspent Funds displays.





2. Select the applicable radio button for the question "Did you have any unspent funds?"



Notes:

- If No is selected, click **Save and Continue** to advance to the next section.
- If Yes is selected an additional entry field will display.
- 3. Review and update any applicable information for the question "Please identify the amount of unspent funds."



Note: Numerical dollar amounts only are entered here.

4. Select the applicable radio button for "Have you developed a plan for unspent funds?"

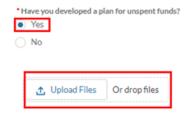


c. If No is selected, answer the field entry, "Describe the plan and timeline for expenditure of these funds".





d. If Yes is selected, select data file and upload plan.



Notes: To obtain the directions to upload documents, click here.

e. Click Save and Continue.

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Certifications

1. Section V. Certification displays. Carefully review each statement and select the applicable radio button.

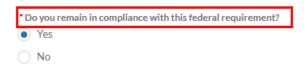


2. Select the **applicable** radio button for the question "Do you remain in compliance with this requirement?"

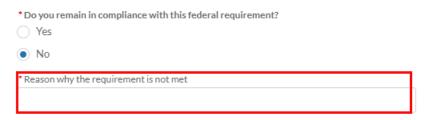


3. Select the applicable radio button for the question "Do you remain in compliance with this federal requirement?

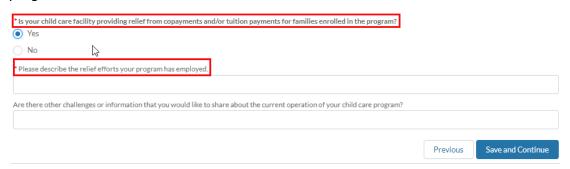




Note: If *No* is selected, answer the following question, "*Reason why the requirement is not met*" in the entry field.



- 4. Select the applicable radio button for the question "Do you remain in compliance with this federal requirement?
- 5. Select the applicable radio button for the question "Is your child care facility providing relief from copayments and/or tuition for families enrolled in the program?"



Notes:

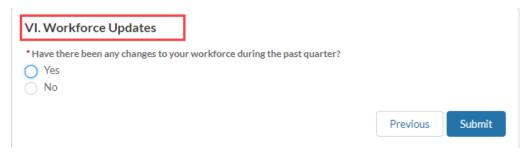
- If Yes is selected answer the following question, "Please describe the relief efforts your program has employed" in the entry field.
- "Are there other Challenges or information that you would like to share about the current operation of your child care program?" is optional to answer.
- 6. Click Save and Continue.

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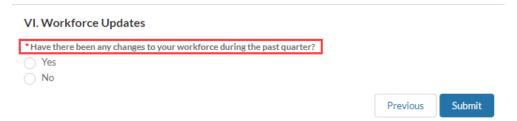
Workforce Updates



1. Section VI. Workforce Updates displays.

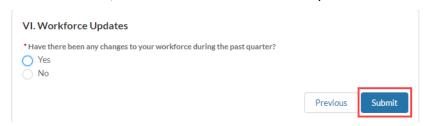


2. Select the applicable radio button for the question "Have there been any changes to your workforce during the past quarter?

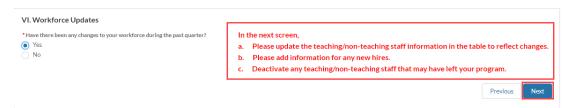


Notes:

If No is selected, make sure all documents are uploaded. Click Submit.



- Once the update is submitted documents cannot be uploaded.
- Proceed to the Submitted Updates section by <u>clicking here</u>.
- 3. If Yes is selected, additional instructions display. Click Next.

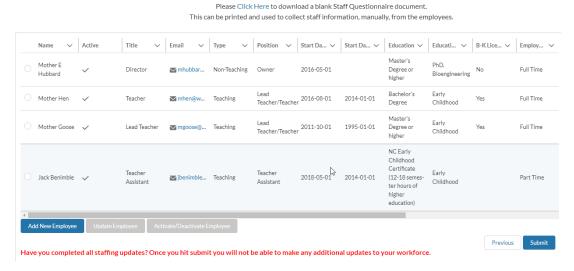


Notes:

• The Next button will only appear once "Yes" is selected.



- This button will allow adding, updating, or deactivating employees.
- All employee updates must be made before clicking **Submit**.
- 4. The Program Staff page displays.



Notes:

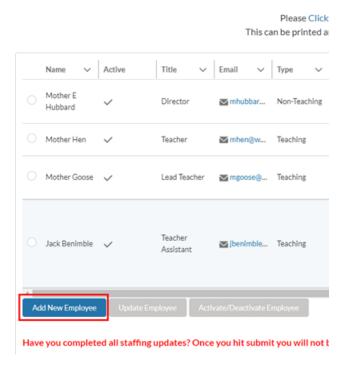
- All staff updates must be made before the Submit button is selected.
- PDF form can be downloaded and printed to give to each staff member to fill out prior. <u>Click here</u> for guidance to download a document.
- Enter applicable information to update both full-time and part-time staff.

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Adding an Employee

1. Click the **Add New Employee** hyperlink to enter program staff members (Administrative, Teaching, and Non-Teaching).



2. The Program Staff Information wizard appears. This section should include the selected personnel for the facility (Administrative, Teaching, and Non-Teaching). Enter or select the applicable information for the staff member then click **Next.**

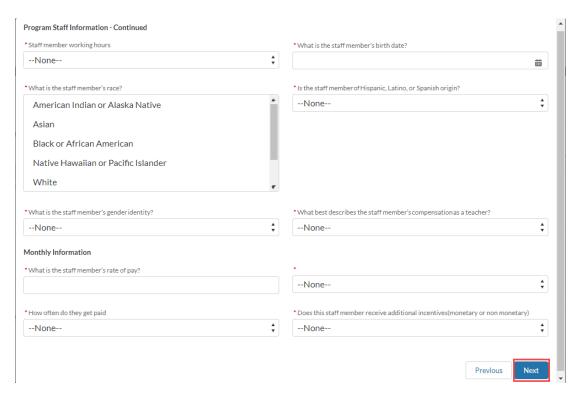


* Staff Member's First Name	* Staff Member's Last	Name	
* Staff Member's Job Title	Staff Member's Email A	Address	
*Type of Staff Member	*What position does t	he staff member se	rve in the program?
None	None		*
How long has the staff member worked at their current site? Pleas member began working at your site.	working	* Month	*Year
What is the highest level of education the staff member has completed?	A		
None	•		

Notes:

- Based on choices selected, additional information may be required to proceed to the next page.
- When the educational level selected is post-secondary education (i.e., at least a NC Early Childhood Certificate or higher), additional fields will display.
- 3. The Program Staff Information Continued page displays. Enter or select the applicable information then click **Next.**

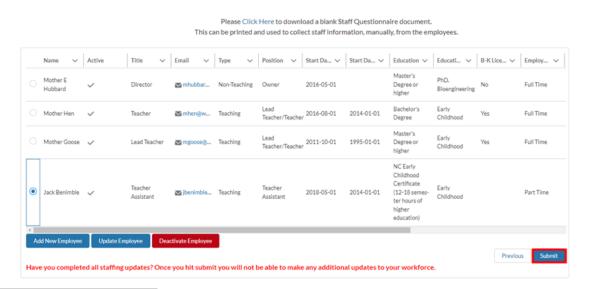




Notes:

- This section should include all full and part-time personnel for the facility (Administrative, Teaching, and Non-Teaching).
- Expected payment amounts to employees should be rounded to the nearest cent.
- If a personnel staff member has more than one role, select the one that is performed most often.
- 4. Program Staff Information page displays. This page displays the name and information for each program staff member added. Review the information for the newly added program staff member.
- 5. Repeat steps 1-4 to add additional program staff members as needed.
- 6. When updates for all employees are complete, click **Submit.**

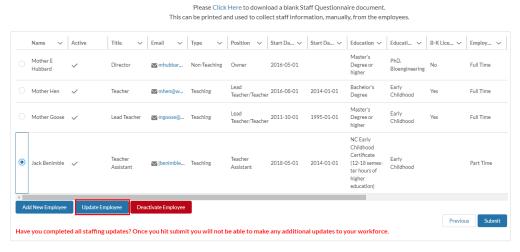




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Updating/ Deactivating an Employee

1. To update an employee's information, select the **Employee** radio button then click the **Update Employee** hyperlink.

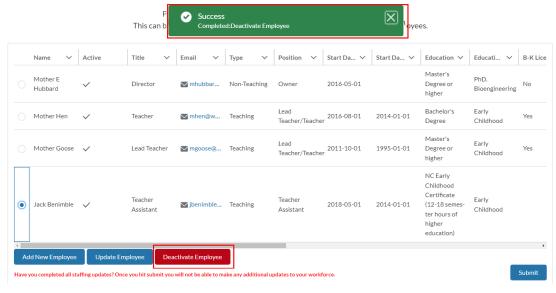


2. The Program Staff Information wizard appears. This section should include all personnel for the facility (Administrative, Teaching, and Non-Teaching). Enter or select the applicable information for the staff member then click **Next.**



Program Staff Information				
* Staff Member's First Name	* Staff Member's Last N	lame		
* Staff Member's Job Title	Staff Member's Email A	ddress		
*Type of Staff Member	*What position does th	e staff member serv	e in the progra	m?
None ♣	None			*
	if you hold more than one working	e position, identify the	e position you a	re most
How long has the staff member worked at their current site? Please enter th	e month and year the staff	* Month	* Year	
member began working at your site.				
What is the highest level of education the staff member has completed?				
None				
				Next

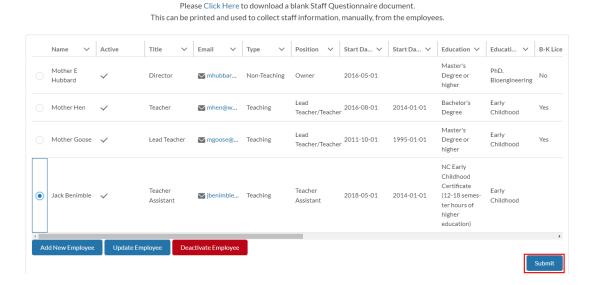
3. To Deactivate an employee's information, select the **Employee** radio button. Click the **Deactivate Employee** hyperlink.



Notes:



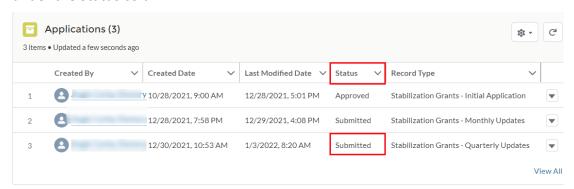
- There will be a notification that the employee was successfully deactivated.
- The selected employee will still show on the Program Staff page but will not be counted as a staff member for the program.
- 4. When updates for all employees are complete, click **Submit**.



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Submitted Updates

1. When the Stabilization Grant is updated, the application will display *Submitted* under the Status column.



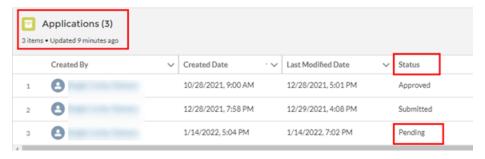
2. Thank you for Completing the Quartely Updates displays.

Thank you for Completing the Quarterly Updates.



Notes:

• Some submissions may yeild a *Pending* status after completion.



- This message will require additional follow up with a DCDEE customer service representative.
- A DCDEE staff member will contact you within five business days.

Thank you for completing the North Carolina American Rescue Plan Stabilization Grant Application (Your Stabilization Grant application has been received and additional information is needed. A customer service representative will contact you to resolve any outstanding issues.

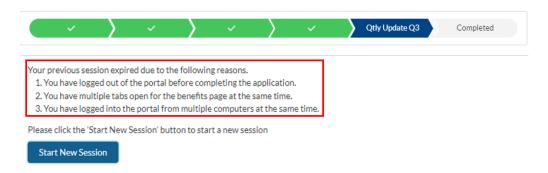
Other Helpful Information

- 1. Supported Browsers:
 - a. Chrome
 - b. Safari
 - c. Microsoft Edge or
 - d. Firefox.
 - e. Internet Explorer is not supported for this site.
- 2. DCDEE Customer Service Unit at 1-800-859-0829 and select Option 2, (919) 814-6300, select option 2, or DCDEE support@dhhs.nc.gov
- 3. Please refer to "Frequently Asked Questions" for allowed uses of Fixed Cost grant funds. Find addition Stabilization Grant program guidance at https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov Stabilization-Grants.

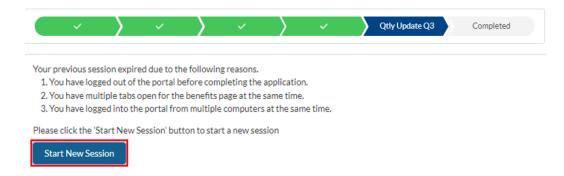
Restarting the Application

- 1. If the previous application was started in another browser or tab by a single user and was not closed, the following error message will appear.
 - a. This message will display when the same user tries to access the application in different tabs, browsers, or computers.

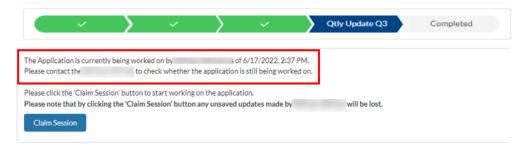




b. Click the Start New Session button.

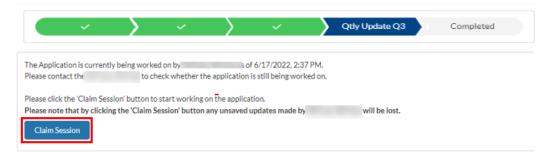


- c. Any information that was entered on the previous opened application and saved, will remain on the application. All other information will be lost.
- d. The application that was opened in the other tabs or browser will automatically close and a new session will start. <u>Click here</u> to proceed with completing the application.
- 2. If the previous application was started in another browser or tab by multiple users and was not closed, the following error message will appear.
 - a. This message will display when multiple users try to access the same application in different tabs, computers, or browsers.



b. Click the Claim Session button.





- c. Any information that was entered on the previous opened application and saved, will remain on the application. All other information will be lost.
- d. The application that was opened by the other users will automatically close and a new session will start. <u>Click here</u> to proceed with completing the application.

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DCDEE Fixed Cost Table

Fixed Cost/Family Grant Types	Category
Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services.	Goods and services
Copayments and tuition payments for families with children enrolled in the program	Goods and services
Repayment of costs incurred after the declaration of the public health emergency on January 31, 2020, for any of the categories listed above	Goods and services
Mental health supports for children and employees	Mental health supports
PPE, cleaning and sanitation supplies and services, or training	Personal protective equipment



and professional development related to health and safety practices	
Teacher and staff recruitment	Personnel Costs
Teacher and staff compensation	Personnel Costs
Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19	Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies
Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance and improvements, or insurance	Rent/Mortgage/Utilities

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Downloading Documents

 To download and print a copy of the North Carolina American Recue Plan Stabilization Grant Application Terms and Conditions, click the Click Here hyperlink located on the COVID-19 Relief Funding Welcome page.

Contracting Agency for review prior to child enrollment.

- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Please} \ \underline{\mathsf{Click} \ \mathsf{Here} \ \mathsf{to}} \ \mathsf{download} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{blank} \ \mathsf{copy} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{North} \ \mathsf{Carolina} \ \mathsf{American} \ \mathsf{Rescue} \ \mathsf{Plan} \ \mathsf{Stabilization} \ \mathsf{Grant} \ \mathsf{Application}$
- Please Click Here to download Terms and Conditions.
- Supported Browsers: Latest versions of Chrome, Safari, or FireFox. Internet Explorer is not supported

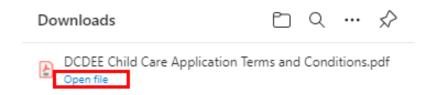
Note: This process can be used with any hyperlink to a document located on Provider Portal.

a. The PDF file will display, click **Download**.



b. The Download pop-up appears, click the **Open file** hyperlink.

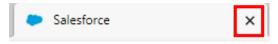




c. The document displays. Click the **Print** icon or the **Save** icon on the toolbar to Print or Save the file.



d. Click X to close the PDF file.

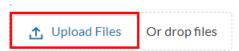


Note: Follow these steps to download any other document that is in this portal.

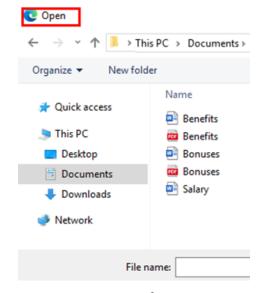
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Uploading a Document

1. Click the **Upload Files** hyperlink to upload documents.



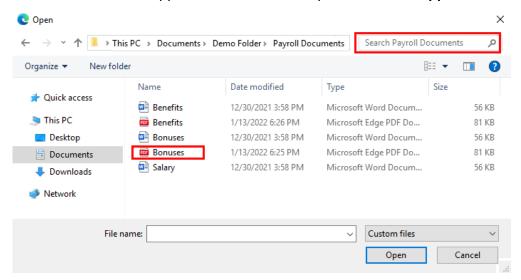
a. The Open pop-up appears.



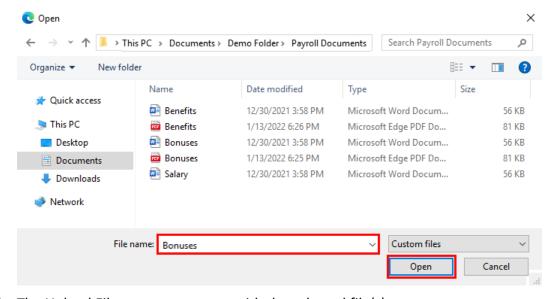
Note: A maximum of 5MB or 5000KB can be uploaded



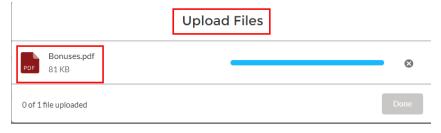
b. Search and select the applicable document to upload. Click the applicable file.



c. The applicable file displays in the File name field. Click Open.

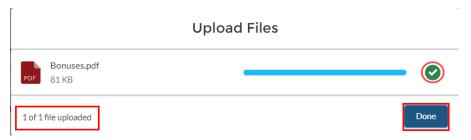


d. The Upload Files pop-up appears with the selected file(s).

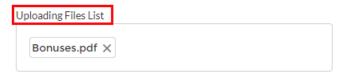




e. Click **Done** once the green checkmark displays and the file is uploaded.

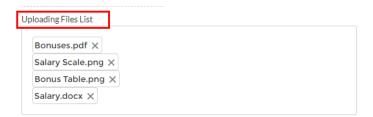


f. The applicable file displays under the Uploaded Flies List. Repeat steps 1 a-c as needed to upload all the files needed.



Notes:

- This can contain multiple files before saving the required documents.
- A maximum of 5,000 KB or 5MB can be uploaded.
- Larger files (>2.5MB) will take a longer time to upload.



g. Click Save and Continue.



Notes:

- All documents must be saved first to proceed to the next section.
- An error message will display when documents are not uploaded.





h. The Success Files Uploaded Successfully pop-up appears. Click X.

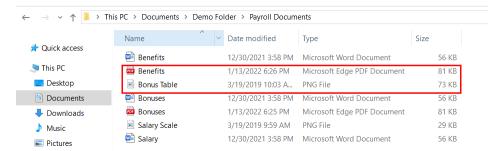


i. The uploaded file will display in the Previously Loaded Files List.



Notes:

- Documents can only be uploaded to the Quarterly Update before submission.
- Once the Submit button is clicked on, your update is completed and cannot be changed without further assistance.
- If the Submit button is clicked on prior to uploading all documentation please contact the DCDEE Customer Service Unit at 1-800-859-0829, select Option 2, (919) 814-6300, select option 2, or <u>DCDEE_support@dhhs.nc.gov</u>
- Repeat steps 1 a-g as needed by clicking Upload Files, until all required documents are listed.
- PDF and PNG files are preferable to upload for documentation.



 If there are missing documents after submitting the update, contact the DCDEE Customer Service Unit at 1-800-859-0829, select option 2, or (919) 814-6300, select option 2, or DCDEE_support@dhhs.nc.gov for further assistance.

Removing an Uploaded Document



1. Locate the document file that needs to be removed listed under the Previously Loaded Files List.



a. Click the Trash Can button to delete the file.



b. The Success File deleted successfully pop-up appears. Click X.



c. The file is no longer listed and removed from the Previously Loaded Files List.



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